

Minutes of the Twenty Ninth Annual General  
Meeting of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust Inc.  
held on Tuesday, 23 February, 1993 at  
St. John's Church Hall, Beecroft Road, Beecroft

Opening: The President, Mr. Ken Cregan, opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed Hornsby Shire President, Steven Pringle, Councillor Barbara Baker, Councillor Owen Nannelli and all Trust members.

Apologies: Trevor Mount

Minutes: Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting were read to the meeting. Moved by Mr. Yeo, seconded by John Noble. Members carried motion.

Reports: The following reports were placed before the meeting:

(1) President's Report - Ken Cregan. This was documented in the General Bulletin 1/93. The President highlighted some major points of his report.

An objection was raised by Keith Campbell as to the Trust issuing school prizes and asked that the constitution be reviewed in this regard. The same member stated he was ashamed at the plebiscite conducted by the Trust on the F2 Tollway and suggested that the incoming committee review the conduct of all future plebiscites. This was accepted by the President and has been attended to.

Dr. Bill Greenhalgh asked that the letter of 30 November, 1992 to Mr. Bruce Baird regarding the M2 Metroad System be read to the members. No reply has been received from Mr. Baird to date.

(2) Treasurer's Report - Jocelyn Lloyd. Refer attached. Membership up to 462 for 1992 as compared to 395 in 1991.

As to the strength of the Trust financially, the Treasurer pointed out that we are in a strong position. Membership fees for 1992 will remain for the 1993 year.

Keith Campbell asked why the E.J. Richards Trophy prize is paid out of Trust funds. Another member pointed out that this is as in past years. The President asked the incoming committee to review this in the light of rules and objectives of the Trust.

(3) No traffic report as working group disbanded.

(4) Housing Report - Bill Greenhalgh. Dr. Greenhalgh referred to his report attached to the Agenda for the 29th AGM of the Trust and gave a brief summary of various points. Refer attached.

(5) Parks Report - Tony Lewis. No formal report. May 30 and August 29 will be the major walks.

Ross Walker was a member of the Parks working group and not mentioned in the General Bulletin. The President apologised for this omission.

Spencer Bough moved that the reports be adopted, seconded by Rod Howard and approved by the members.

#### Addresses made by Hornsby Shire Councillors

The Shire President gave his thanks to the Trust for it's efforts in the past year. He discussed briefly:-

Recycling by the residents of Hornsby Shire has improved by 90% which is a vast improvement and a great cost saving to Councils.

The Heritage Study is well underway and copies of the study to date are available at the Council chambers.

He asked for vigilance by residents on developments of any concern.

Spotlight walks are conducted by the Council.

Encouraged all members to have a look at the draft LEP and comment accordingly.

Planning Power for People's efforts are greatly appreciated by Council and particularly Barbara Baker's effort in getting it established and running.

36 - 36A Sutherland Road  
- are any council development officers negligent  
- pier construction vs slab construction  
- tree expert has inspected the site and passed on recommendations

An invitation to the Trust committee was issued to discuss the matter.

Councillor Baker gave her personal thanks to the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust, to Bill Greenhalgh and Eric Adam (Planning Power for People) for their help and efforts in a number of housing matters.

Councillor Nannelli thanked the public for getting behind the Council's open forums.

Councillor Gallagher discussed briefly his push to have planning powers given back to the Council and thanked "C" riding councillors for their support in various matters..

Mr. Eric Adam gave a brief overview of Planning Power for people. Basically combining knowledge of Civic Trust and Progress Associations. Objectives: Inform  
Advise  
Liase  
Lobby

Eric Adam thanked Councillors for their support and excellent co-operation, particularly their integrity.

#### Recommendation

The following recommendation was moved by Bill Greenhalgh and seconded by Spencer Bough.

#### Structured Delegation of Responsibilities by the Elected Committee

##### Overview

The Constitution does not provide for "sub-committees" to attend to specific tasks. Nevertheless, in this increasingly complex community, there are circumstances where tasks ought to be delegated to prescribed expert groups.

Over the years, the elected Committee has seen fit to delegate such work to an unspecified group of enthusiasts under the supervision of a "Convenor". Groups covering "Parks", "History", "Traffic Strategy", "Housing and Planning" and "Policy Review" have been set up (and disbanded) as the need arose. In each case, a member of the elected Committee was authorised as "Convenor", but the composition of the group was seldom questioned, not its work supervised.

In the course of their work, groups established links with kindred bodies; e.g. Parks Group with the Lane Cove Valley Conservationists and the A.C.F.,

Traffic Strategies Group with Sydney Commuters Council and Action for Public Transport etc.,

the History Group with local branches of the Historical Society,

Housing and Planning Group with Planning Powers for People (PPP).

The administrative situation is made difficult by virtue of the absence of clauses in the Constitution providing for Sub-committees or their equivalent.

#### Recommendation

"It is recommended that the 1993 Committee structure itself in the following manner:

- (1) the ten (10) elected Committee fill executive positions as provided in the Constitution;
- (2) that the duly constituted Committee appoint from within itself such "Convenors" as may be thought necessary for the 12 month period;
- (3) such "Convenors" approach suitable persons within the community to form a "Working Group" having the desired expertise;
- (4) the names and qualifications of all such members of the "Working Group" be submitted to the elected Committee for its approval;
- (5) when duly constituted the Working Group move to achieve its objectives in the most appropriate manner, having regard to the following:
  - (5a) that the deliberations of the Group be reported, via the Convenor, to the elected Committee. Action arising from such reports be taken only by the elected Committee and only with the full knowledge and approval of the President;
  - (5b) that liaison with kindred associations be effected only with the knowledge and approval of the elected Committee.

(6) at the conclusion of the year, the "Working Group" report in writing to the President. All groups to then stand down along with the elected Committee, at the time of the AGM."

It was requested that this recommendation be considered by the incoming BCCTI Committee of 1993. This action was approved by the membership.

A special thanks was given to Mr. Spencer Bough on his retirement from the Committee by the President, Mr. Ken Cregan. Bill Greenhalgh gave a brief history of Spencer's continual involvement with the Trust. In fact, he has been President of the Trust on six separate occasions. His community service to Beecroft and Cheltenham has been outstanding. Bill Greenhalgh moved that the Trust members show their appreciation which they duly did.

This was followed by a presentation to Spencer Bough by the Hornsby Shire President of a Certificate of Service to the community.

#### Election of the 1993 Committee

Present members of the 1992 Committee not standing for re-election are Bill Greenhalgh, Ray Kidd, Spencer Bough, Tony Lewis, Ken Cregan and Julia Garnett.

Rod Howard nominated the Shire President, Steven Pringle, as Presiding Officer, this was seconded and approved by members.

#### Nominations for the 1993 Committee

##### Beecroft

Philip Sparks

Betty Grant

Anthony Mobbs

Michael Moore

Pam Conrow

Jocelyn Lloyd

Rod Howard

Paul Goodrick (nominated but stood aside)

##### Cheltenham

Sue Benson

Margaret Rich

Terry Jessop

Moved that the above members be elected to the Committee and was seconded. The motion declared carried.

General Business

Spencer Bough asked that the Committee let the local schools know of the Trust's work.

Moved by Brian Manton that the M2 Metroad letter of 30/11/92 to Bruce Baird be pursued by the incoming committee and ask for a reply. Seconded. Approved by Trust members.

Don Payne raised the article in Beecroft Briefly regarding the devastation of Pennant Hills Road which is impacting on Beecroft and surrounding localities.

Heather Thomas pointed out to the Trust President (Ken Cregan) that Tony Lewis, who was standing down from the current committee, was not thanked for his hard work and involvement on the Committee with particular reference to his work as Convenor of the Parks Working Group. The President apologised for this oversight and agreed wholeheartedly with the point raised.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 10.10pm.



Michael Moore  
Secretary